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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA

1. UKUN MISOFF DISCUSSED PROSPECTIVE NAMIBIA DEBATE IN SC WITH US MAY 6. HE SAW KEY FACTOR IN OUTCOME OF DEBATE TO BE SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO THREE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SAG. PRINCIPAL LEVER STILL IN OUR HANDS IS TIMING AND MANNER IN WHICH THE THREE POWERS REVEAL TO SC AND AFRICAN GROUP NATURE OF APRIL 23 DEMARCHE.

2. UKUN HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, UK MISOFF THOUGHT UK, US AND FRANCE MIGHT CONSIDER INFORMING SC MEMBERS OF ACTION TAKEN, PERHAPS PROVIDING TEXT OF NOTE, ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE SC ON NAMIBIA EXPECTED TO BEGIN. TAKEN TOO EARLY, FAVORABLE EFFECT OF THIS ACTION COULD BE DISSIPATED BEFORE SC MEETING BEGAN. TAKEN TOO LATE, IT MIGHT BE INEFFECTUAL IN INFLUENCING DEBATE AND EVEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT IF SOUTH AFRICANS DID NOT RE-
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SPOND IN NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO, THREE POWERS MIGHT GIVE THEM

"FINAL PROD" BY INFORMING THEM THAT WE PLAN TO MAKE APIRL 23
DEMARCHE PUBLIC.

4. IF SAG MAKES PUBLIC DECLARATION, OUR TACTICS MIGHT HAVE
TO BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. EVEN IF SAG RESPONDS IN WHAT IT
CONSIDERS VERY POSITIVE MANNER, AFRICANS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE
LESS THAN FULLY SATISFIED. IN ANY CASE, THREE POWERS HAVE
SEVERAL OPTIONAL WAYS IN WHICH TO "GO PUBLIC":

A. THREE POWERS COULD RELEASE TEXT OF NOTE TO SAG OR
OTHERWISE ISSUE A DOCUMENTARY RECORD;

B. SC MEMBERSHIP COULD BE DISCREETLY INFORMED IN CAPITALS;

C. WE COULD REQUEST SC PRESIDENT TO CONVENE COUNCIL FOR
CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESENTATION BY SPOKESMAN FOR THREE POWERS
AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION INVOLVING ALL THREE.

WE ARE INCLINED TOWARD OPTION "A".
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